

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

PICKENS SENIOR HIGH

Pickens

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 1,489

Principal: Marion Lawson

Superintendent: Dr. Henry Hunt

Board Chair: Jim Shelton

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	At-Risk	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	18	8	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Passed 2 subtests (%)	75.0%	79.5%	78.2%	80.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	14.4%	11.6%	12.0%	11.1%
Passed no subtests (%)	10.6%	8.8%	9.8%	8.6%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.4%	92.0%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

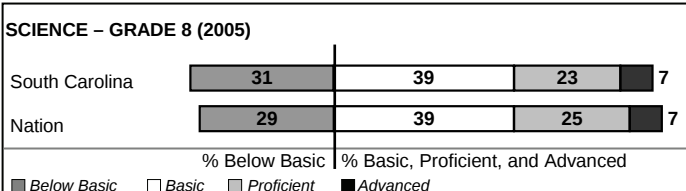
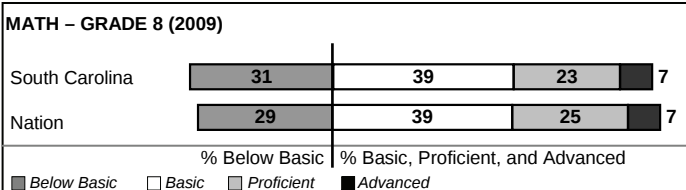
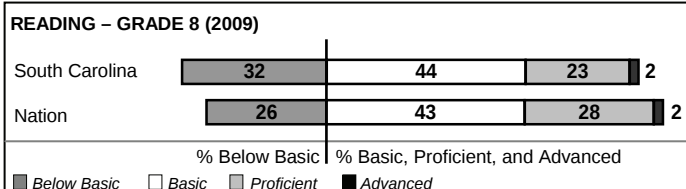
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	389	383
Number of Diplomas	285	281
Rate (%)	73.3%	72.7%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	70.6	78.4
English 1	64.6	72.4
Physical Science	46.4	63.7
US History and the Constitution	47.6	51.1
All Tests	56.3	66.3

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,489)				
Retention rate	2.0%	Down from 3.2%	3.1%	3.7%
Attendance rate	93.6%	Down from 94.3%	95.4%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	14.8%	Up from 13.6%	15.5%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	13.4%	No Change	12.4%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	7.5%	Up from 5.6%	7.7%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	No Change	1.2%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.1%	Up from 11.5%	19.0%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	67.2%	Up from 60.2%	58.8%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	49.7%	Down from 52.4%	31.0%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	3.3%	Down from 5.0%	3.3%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.0%	Up from 0.0%	1.4%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	727	Down from 932	674	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	79.4%	Down from 81.2%	78.7%	78.7%
Teachers (n=79)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.2%	Down from 63.0%	62.0%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	86.1%	Down from 87.7%	79.3%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	1.4%	Up from 1.3%	4.5%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.1%	Down from 93.7%	88.2%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 96.1%	95.9%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,278	Down 0.6%	\$48,602	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.3%	Down from 1.3%	0.9%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	9.3 days	Up from 8.6 days	9.5 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	10.0	Up from 8.0	7.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	32.4 to 1	Up from 29.1 to 1	28.9 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.1%	Down from 89.2%	90.8%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,572	Up 5.4%	\$7,275	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.2%	Down from 56.8%	56.9%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.4%	Up from 60.1%	61.7%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	91.1%	Down from 94.5%	93.9%	96.0%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	64.7%	Down from 70.6%	73.7%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	80	285	69
Percent satisfied with learning environment	82.5%	76.4%	80.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	87.5%	76.8%	72.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	78.5%	82.2%	71.0%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2009-2010 school year was a very busy and productive one for Pickens High School. Students, faculty, administration, staff, and parents continue to strive for excellence in every area related to providing challenging academic and career preparation through diverse learning opportunities in a safe, nurturing environment in order to prepare students to be responsible and productive citizens.

The Class of 2010 was made up of 294 students who earned over \$4.5 million in scholarship money to help fund their post-secondary studies. Our students excelled academically and we are proud to have received the Silver Award in General Performance from the state department of education. Our students excelled in fine arts with our band winning another OPA award. Our students have excelled in athletics, gaining state recognition in volleyball, basketball, golf, and track. Traditionally, a school of service, Pickens High School boasts students who have excelled in raising money/supplies for our local food pantry, Meals On Wheels, and Haiti. Serving our community in literacy awareness, our students have participated in Readers to Leaders program and reading with the Blue Flame in area elementary schools.

Pickens High School's main goals continue to be improving student learning, improving student involvement, and improving communication. Through the efforts of our School Improvement Council, parent volunteers, and support from our district leadership, the entire Pickens community has been directly engaged in helping to make decisions that help to improve student achievement and enhance school improvement.

As we continue to strive towards excellence, Pickens High School continues to address the needs of all our students, helping each and every one of them to reach above and beyond his or her potential.

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Don Lundquist, School Improvement Council Chairman

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